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SUBJECT: SPANISH RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE: FOREIGN MINISTRY
CONCERNED OVER EVENTUAL SIZE OF SOVIET EMBASSY; ROMANIA TO
HAVE FIRST AMBASSADOR

1. DURING A CALL BY THE DCM, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS
(ELIAS) EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EVENTUAL SIZE OF THE
SOVIET EMBASSY IN MADRID. GROWTH IN THE SOVIET PRESENCE
FOLLOWING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WAS TO BE EXPECTED, HE SAID, BUT THE GOS WAS CONCERNED
THAT IT COULD GO TOO FAR. SPANISH OFFICIALS WERE UNDECIDED
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ON WHICH OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION'S TWO AVENUES, RECIPROCITY
OR THE RULE OF REASON, TO PURSUE, AND HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
THE "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" WITH SIMILAR CONCERNS ON THE PROBLEM.
ELIAS SAID THAT THERE HAD RECENTLY BEEN A WAVE OF CRITICISM
IN THE PORTUGUESE PRESS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE SOVIET PRESENCE
THERE.

2. THE CHIEF OF ROMANIA'S CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION HERE (ALEXANDRU PETRESCU, WHO HAS THE RANK OF MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY) HAS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL BE THE FIRST EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR HERE, AND EXPECTS TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD REMAIN AS AMBASSADOR FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME, WE ASSUME THAT ROMANIA IS THUS SEEKING TO PRESERVE THE POSITION IT ACHIEVED AS THE FIRST EE COUNTRY TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN. STABLER

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